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On 9 May 1953, the Barbara Kaserne in Meiningen was occupied by a rear detail of about 40 troops, including a rather large number of officers. A total of 10 lieutenants and senior lieutenants were observed. The motor vehicle sheds were open and empty. The Stadt Kaserne was occupied by a rear detail of 30 to 40 soldiers who wore black-bordered crimson epaulets. Local residents stated that the units from the two installations left together in late April, allegedly, for border guard duty.

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Comment. The Stadt Kaserne is fairly definitely believed to be the Haupt kaserne at the intersection of Leipziger Strasse and Knochenhauer Strasse. The two installations are believed occupied by the 117th Gds Mtz Rifle Regt of the 39th Gds Mtz Rifle Div. It is known that the regiment continually furnishes border guard details. As the bulk of the units apparently were absent from the post on 9 May, it appears more probable that at least elements of the regiment moved to Ohrdruf.

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